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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT MACHAR SAYS UGANDA AGREES TO
GoSS MEDIATION WITH LRA

¶1. (SBU) United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) Operations Manager for South Sudan Bhairaja Panday told CG on May 16 that he had received a telephone call from GoSS Vice President Riek Machar informing him that the Government of Uganda (GOU) had declared itself open to a role for the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) in mediating between Kampala and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). Panday said that an ebullient Machar informed him GoSS President Salva Kiir brought back this message from President Museveni after Kiir delivered the message from the LRA leadership that they were ready to talk. Due to the September 16 GoSS holiday in honor of the founding of the SPLM, we have been unable to corroborate this message with other sources in the GoSS.

¶2. (SBU) Panday added that Machar said that the LRA had agreed to halt all attacks against targets in Sudan. He noted that this would permit UNHCR to resume the operations in Yei that stopped following an attack on UNHCR premises there in which two UNHCR staff members were killed.

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